[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

പ്രത്യേകമായിട്ട് ഒരു റോഡിനെപ്പറ്റി ചോദിക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു പറയാം. പൊതുവെ ചട്ടപ്രകാരം റോഡുവെട്ടിത്തരണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷവന്നാൽ ഗവർൺമെൻറിനെ അറിയിക്കണമെന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): കളിയിക്കാവിള-അണ്ടുകോട് എന്നറോഡിനുള്ള അപേക്ഷയ്ക്ക് ഇങ്ങിനെ മറുപടി കൊടുത്തത്ത് ഗവർൺമെൻറിൻെറ അറിവോടുകൂടിയാണോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയരോട് ചോദിച്ചു മറുപടി പറയാം.

Determination of Seniority among Officers.

80. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether seniority among officers in a particular grade is determined with reference to the dates of their confirmation in that grade?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 83, asked by Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 3rd November 1923. (*Vide* page 338 of Vol. IV of the Legislative Council Proceedings.)

The Muttolapuram Canal.

81. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): (1) Are the Government aware that the canal that flows from Muttolapuram through Alapuram, Elanji, Perumpatavur and Mulakulam is covered with sand and that consequently much harm is done to the cultivation on adjoining lands?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to order the necessary improvements to this canal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government are not aware.

(2) A report will be called for from the Chief Engineer.

Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrars' Offices.

82. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): With reference to the notification dated the 16th October 1926, about the jurisdiction of the Sub-Registrars' offices, will the Government be pleased to state under which Sub-Registrar's office the *pakuthi* of Manjur is included?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Manjur *pakuthi* is included in the jurisdiction of the Kadutturutti Sub-Registrar's office. [*Vide* Notification published at page 46 of the Registration Departmental sheet of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 2nd November, 1926.]

Section Officer Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar.

83. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they received any complaint praying for the transfer of the Section Officer at Nagercoil, namely, Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar;

(*b*) whether the transfer of that Section Officer was recommended by the Division Officer; if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(*c*) how long he has been there in his native place as Section Officer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The correspondence between departmental officers about their subordinates is confidential and cannot be disclosed.

(*c*) He has been at his present station, Nagercoil, from the 24th Edavam 1098. It is reported that Nagercoil is not his native place.

Arrangements during Mr. Natesa Aiyar's leave in Kanni 1101.

84. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders were issued from the Chief Engineer's office over the Chief Engineer's signature, but without date, during the period of his leave in Kanni last;

(*b*) if so, whether such orders were passed by him during the period of his leave; and why the dates were not put in;

(*c*) why the immediate senior officer was not put in charge of the department in his leave vacancy instead of the Personal Assistant; and

(*d*) whether the Personal Assistant issued orders of transfer of the subordinates during the Chief Engineer's absence on leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) In the interests of work, it was thought undesirable to disturb the existing arrangements, as the period of leave first applied for was short.

(*d*) Yes, where exigencies of service required it.

Appointment of Sub-Registrars.

85. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(1) (*a*) a statement showing the number of Sub-Registrars appointed from each community by the present Director of Registration; and

(*b*) a statement, by castes, of the number of Sub-Registrars appointed by the present Director from the department?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications from qualified Roman Catholics, including Syrians and Latinites, and the number appointed from among them?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) All the Sub-Registrars were appointed from the Department.

* *Vide* Appendix V—page 229.

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